

SENATE BILL 486

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By: **Senators Middleton, Dyson, and Miller**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program –**
3 **Eligibility for Enrollment and Participation of Retirees**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain retirees of certain regional libraries may
5 participate in the health benefit options established under the State Employee
6 and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances;
7 requiring certain regional libraries to pay to the State the total costs resulting
8 from participation of the retirees of the regional libraries in the Program;
9 requiring certain regional libraries to make certain determinations about
10 subsidizing participation of their retirees in the Program; providing that
11 retirees of certain regional libraries who participate in the State Employee and
12 Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program are subject to certain terms and
13 conditions; and generally relating to the participation of retirees of the Southern
14 Maryland Regional Library, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the
15 Western Maryland Regional Library in the State Employee and Retiree Health
16 and Welfare Benefits Program.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – State Personnel and Pensions
19 Section 2–515.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

25 2–515.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) This section applies to the Southern Maryland Regional Library, the
2 Eastern Shore Regional Library, and the Western Maryland Regional Library.

3 (b) An employee **OR RETIREE** of a regional library subject to this section
4 may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under
5 the Program with the approval of the library.

6 (c) A regional library subject to this section shall:

7 (1) pay to the State the total costs resulting from the participation of
8 its employees **AND RETIREEES** in the Program; and

9 (2) determine the extent to which the regional library will subsidize
10 participation of its employees **AND RETIREEES** in the Program.

11 **(D) A RETIREE OF A REGIONAL LIBRARY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS**
12 **SUBJECT TO THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER §**
13 **2-508 OF THIS SUBTITLE, WITH THE RETIREE'S SERVICE WITH A REGIONAL**
14 **LIBRARY BEING CONSIDERED YEARS OF STATE SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF**
15 **ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY UNDER § 2-508(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2011.